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Date 1/25/85

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI
(ATTENTION: NARCOTICS AND DANGEROUS DRUGS UNIT, ORGANIZED CRIME SECTION, CRIMINAL INVESTIGATIVE DIVISION)

FROM: SAC, MILWAUKEE (12A-NEW) (P)

NICOLO SALVATORE SAFINA, aka
Nicolo Sofina
NARCOTICS MATTER
OO: MILWAUKEE

Re Milwaukee tecalls to Miami, 1/16/85.

Milwaukee Office advised that NICOLO SAFINA, owner of NICOLO RISTORANTE INTERNAZIONALE, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

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SAFINA is a known associate of Milwaukee LCN figures (Bufile 92-11030/MI 92-755 entitled "NICOLO SAFINA"). He immigrated to the U.S. in 1956 from Italy and went to work in Madison for He then opened several food establishments of his own in Madison. In the mid 1960's, he moved to the west coast. In 1968 SAFINA appeared in Milwaukee working as the

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manager of a bar owned by FRANK BALISTRIERI, Milwaukee LCN boss. In 1970 he opened his own small Italian restaurant in Milwaukee's east side Italian community. In the late 1970's he opened a new, larger restaurant and bar on Milwaukee's east side in a warehouse with his residence on the second floor. Milwaukee conducted an unsuccessful investigation in 1979 regarding allegations of fraudulent statements to obtain loans (Bufile 183-2818/MI 183-221). In 1981, Milwaukee initiated a RICO investigation on SAFINA and others ("NICOLO SOFINA; [redacted] ET AL; RICO-NARCOTICS; PROSTITUTION; GAMBLING;" [redacted] At that time, SAFINA had [redacted] working as bar manager at his restaurant. [redacted] b6 has been closely associated with Milwaukee LCN figures. [redacted] b7C [redacted] b7E It was suspected at that time that SAFINA was actually the [redacted] Shortly after [redacted] had a falling out with SAFINA, and the RICO case was eventually closed. For a period of time, SAFINA turned the bar over to new management under the name JETTY CAFE. Since then, SAFINA regained control and changed the name to NICOLO'S SICILIAN PUB.

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Based on information furnished by [redacted] was identified as [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

On 1/16/85, it was determined from personnel at NORTHWEST ORIENT AIRLINES (NWO), Milwaukee, that only one black female boarded Flight #702 to Miami; arrival 1:55 p.m. (EST). NWO boarding agents stated that she had long black hair, held with a large, bright-multicolored scarf, heavy makeup, wore a light colored coat and carried some type of bag. No British accent was noticed. A boarding agent located her ticket which was in the name of [redacted] A round trip ticket was issued on 12/29/84 by MUNDY TOURS, NASSAU LTD., Nassau, Bahamas through EASTERN AIRLINES (ticket number 007-3628-847-607) to depart Nassau 12/30/84 to Miami on BAHAMAS AIRLINES and connect with NWO to Milwaukee. Return to Miami and Nassau was an open return. The ticket indicated four pieces of luggage, weight 85 pounds, on leaving Nassau. To the best of the boarding agent's recollection, this female's ticket did not have any baggage stubs stapled to it. NWO baggage agents also could not recall any black female checking baggage on NWO Flight #702. During preboarding, this female was observed to be quite nervous. b6 b7C

It was further determined from NWO that a [redacted] home telephone number [redacted] made reservations on 1/15/85 for NWO Flight 702 to Miami on 1/16/85. No reservation was made for a Nassau connection. The subscriber to this telephone number is [redacted] Indices negative re [redacted] b6 b7C

On 1/16/85, Milwaukee telephonically requested Miami to cover [redacted] arrival at Miami on NWO Flight #714 and photographs of [redacted] were facsimiled to Miami. b6 b7C

From scheduling information, NWO Flight #714 appeared to be a connecting flight to Miami from a Tampa stop. By the time Milwaukee determined this to be in error and advised Miami, [redacted] flight had disembarked. Flight #702 was the correct flight to Miami, and Flight #714 was a Tampa/Ft. Lauderdale transfer from Flight #702. b6 b7C

Having missed the flight at Miami and based on source information that the courier was to immediately return on the evening of 1/16/85, Milwaukee covered three direct

flights from Miami to Milwaukee with the assistance of Milwaukee County Sheriff's Department's dog teams. The suspect was not observed.

As of 1/18/85, SAFINA has indicated he is out of cocaine, [redacted] b6 b7C b7D

The following is a description of SAFINA:

Name	NICOLO SALVATORE SAFINA
Aliases	NICOLO SOFINA NICK SAFINA
Sex	Male
Race	White
DOB	3/29/32
POB	Trapaini, Italy
Marital status	Married
Wife	LILLIAN
Occupation	Restauranteur
Business	NICOLO RISTORANTE INTERNAZIONALE, 1332 East Brady, Milwaukee

ADMINISTRATIVE

The extent of SAFINA's operation has not been determined, but past information has indicated he deals to blacks in Milwaukee and out of his bar and restaurant. It should be noted that SAFINA is an associate of [redacted] whom Milwaukee [redacted] (Bufile [redacted]). b6 b7C

Milwaukee has contacted DEA regarding SAFINA. DEA has only a 1981 reference to SAFINA seeking a supplier for marijuana and cocaine. DEA does not desire to join this investigation at this time.

As SAFINA is an associate of Milwaukee organized crime figures, Strike Force Attorney [redacted] has been contacted and desires to handle prosecution of this matter. b6 b7C

The immediate aims and objectives of this investigation are to target sources toward SAFINA and his drug business. If the opportunity presents itself, as discussed above, Milwaukee will arrest SAFINA to keep pressure on the organized crime element in Milwaukee in the aftermath of [redacted] b6 b7C

Within the next 90 days, Milwaukee will target sources toward SAFINA to develop current intelligence as to his operation and individuals involved. If information is developed to give a more detailed organizational structure, limited electronic coverage may be initiated.